

Letters to the Editor

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'The Raids'

In response to the editorial concerning Cuban exile raids of May 15, I was absolutely astounded and disgusted at your lack of American patriotism and ideals. This country was founded on the principle of freedom, not just for ourselves, but for all peoples.

In your advocating of the suppression of Cuban freedom fighters by the U.S. Government you seem to be advocating the perpetuation of the Communist regime in Cuba under the guise of helping the U.S. "save face."

The recent sugar mill raid you described as a "pinprick" to Castro might be just that. However, it must be borne in mind that Castro himself started his revolution in this manner. Nevertheless, these raids are only a small part of the growing fight for freedom to come.

Contrary to what was implied in your editorial, the anti-Communist Cubans are acting only to free their country, and not on behalf of the U.S. However, they regret that their actions are blamed on our Government, but nevertheless they must pursue their goal. The free Cubans want no U.S. involvement in their war, despite CIA ties with MRR (Revolutionary Recovery Movement), falsely credited with making the raid in question.

We agree at least on one point—that this is the Cubans' fight. But instead of suppressing their efforts the U.S. should support them and let them fight it!

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The official statement that the United States played no part in the recent raid by Cuban exiles on their home land may be taken with a "grain of salt" by the editors of *The Washington Post*, but the truth is that they know absolutely nothing more about it than anyone else. There is no reason whatsoever to assume the State Department is lying about our involvement in this affair.

What would you suggest? That the U.S. patrol the Cuban coast against exile attack to keep Mr. Castro happy? We are doing the best we can, at that, by patrolling U.S. waters off the Florida coast to insure no raids are launched from our shores. Your editorial policy on Latin America often appears to be derived straight from Alice-in-Wonderland.

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Washington.